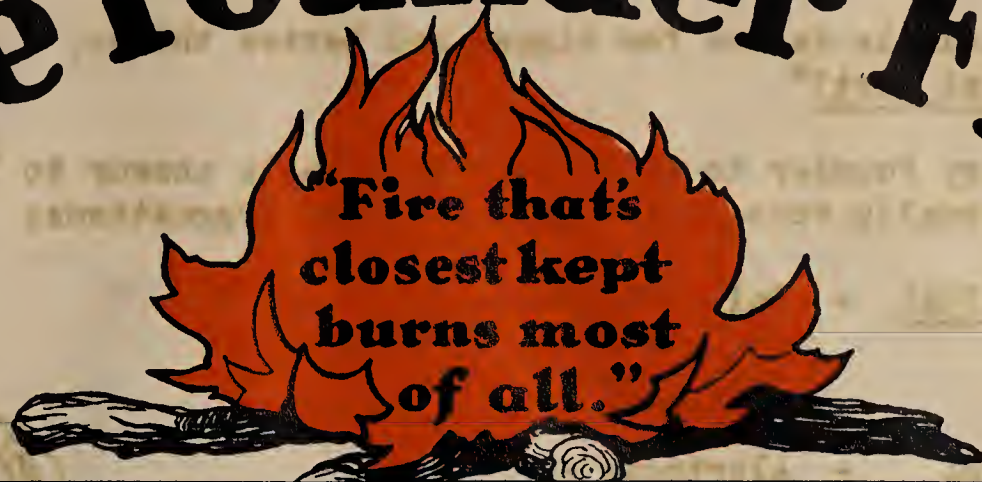


The Founder Fire



News and Views of the Founder Fellowship

The American Youth Foundation, 3713 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

Volume VII

April, 1935

AN EASTER TALK WITH JESUS

Founder - Master, what is your purpose as a leader of men?

Jesus - "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly."

Founder - How may we enter into this abundant life?

Jesus - "It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and life." "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me." "If any man will follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his yoke daily, and come with me."

Founder - Can we know with certainty that we are true followers?

Jesus - "Whoever will do his will shall know."

Founder - What does it mean to pray, "May thy will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth"?

Jesus - "Be therefore all-including (in your good will) even as your heavenly Father includes all." "He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it for life eternal."

Founder - "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?"

Jesus - "'This is eternal life, that they should know thee, the only true God, and Jesus the Anointed One whom thou hast sent.'" "Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many dwellings; it is necessary, I tell you, that I should go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to myself; so that where I am you may be also."

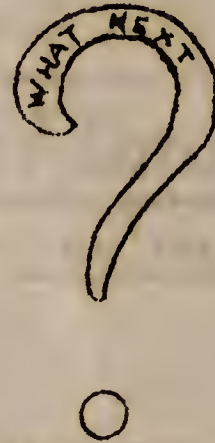
(The statements of Jesus are quoted from Charles Cutler Torrey's translation in "The Four Gospels.")

WHAT NEXT?

With an insatiable desire for bigger and better things, I continually ask the question, "What next?"

I'd like every Founder to write down a definite answer to "What next?" so far as he is personally concerned. Here are some suggestions:

- PHYSICAL - Daily Exercise -
Care of Eyes, Teeth -
What next?
- MENTAL - Alertness -
Plan of Study -
Use of your capacity -
What next?
- SOCIAL - A joy in living -
A kindly thoughtfulness -
What next?
- RELIGIOUS - A way of daily living
according to the Christian
standard -
What next?



"What next?" doesn't always mean expansion. It may be contraction in certain places with tremendous results.

You catch my meaning. There's a place for all our talents, brains, enthusiasm, energy, and help. Some may be afraid to face "What next?" But not one Founder - a real Founder - wants to wind up this year just where he is today. Growth is in the air. My question is like a flaming arrow. It puts glow into ordinary things; so

"What next?" and again "What next?"

- Minisino - Wm. H. Danforth

EASTER!



How strategically timed is the celebration of this our greatest Christian feast day. I cannot imagine Easter being celebrated in the Fall of the year. In the springtime all nature awakes and bursts forth into newness of life; and the resurrection story means just that for all of us.

May this Easter season mean to us a resurrection of our submerged ideals, a renewed loyalty to Jesus, and a sincere determination to live up to our best and highest self.

Just how much in earnest are you to make a fresh start in balanced four-fold living this Easter time?

- Wadjepi



THE GRIP OF POWER

Page 3



Says the older Founder to the younger in the words of Alfred Noyes:

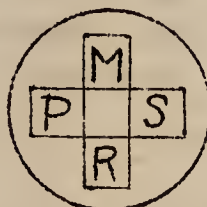
"Take thou the splendour, carry it out of sight
Into the great new age I must not know,
Into the great new realm I must not tread."



A FOURFOLD LIFE BUILDING AT CAMP MINIWANCA

Campers and leaders who come to Miniwanca this summer will find on the ridge south of the Tipi-Wakan a very unique "fourfold life building." It will be in the shape of our fourfold emblem. The four wings of the cross, or the four alcoves will represent the physical, mental, social and religious life. The building will be used for inspirational purposes. In each of the alcoves will be assembled data and material dealing with each phase of the Fourfold Life. This material will be very carefully selected by a special committee appointed to do this work.

The building will be of simple construction and will not be overlarge. It will be a place of challenge, an "I DARE YOU" BUILDING where one may go and spend a profitable half hour in contemplation of the things that enter into the living of life at its best. Everybody will want to come to Miniwanca this summer to help dedicate this building.



→ YOUTH WEEK ←

Preparations were completed. The Religious Education Committee was quite intrigued with the idea. Announcements had been made for three Sunday evenings in succession at the Young People's Vespers. The local newspaper blossomed forth with an arousing account of the unique week that was just ahead. A special committee had arranged a schedule of events and several young people were signed up for individual conferences. Everything was in readiness and on Saturday night he arrived! He was none other than R. A. Waite, Associate Director of the American Youth Foundation, who was to inaugurate our Youth Week on the following morning. For one solid week he was with us, giving inspirational addresses on special occasions, conducting personal interviews, using the fourfold questionnaire as a basis, visiting the homes of our young people, chatting informally with their parents, advising some regarding particular problems, speaking on one occasion to the whole High School assembly. Finally the day came for his departure. Several of the fellows and girls went down to the station to "see Dad off" - and our Youth Week was at an end.

During that week, the American Youth Foundation made a great contribution to our whole parish. We are still enjoying the fruitful results of that stimulating week. Many of our young people glimpsed a vision of the possibilities that are theirs. All of them realized more fully what Christ meant when he said, "I came that you might have life, and that more abundantly."

A Youth Week can be an effective educational enterprise in any community. Our Founder directors utilize their many years of experience, research, educational technique, and adolescent psychology in conducting these Youth Weeks. During many of these "Weeks" several young people, for the first time in their lives, have seen a true picture of themselves. I have no doubt that a personal interview and the resulting prescription of the questionnaire, has been the turning point of certain lives. The spirit and enthusiasm that exists among young people and their parents during such a week gives new life to the community, the Church, and the home. A Youth Week gives dignity and prestige to the young people's work carried on by local leaders. It also gives these leaders a new sense of their responsibility and points the way to greater achievement in the developing of youth. Youth Weeks have a lasting effect on the individual and on the group. In its own unique way a Youth Week will show a fellow or girl how he or she may truly follow Christ by "advancing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

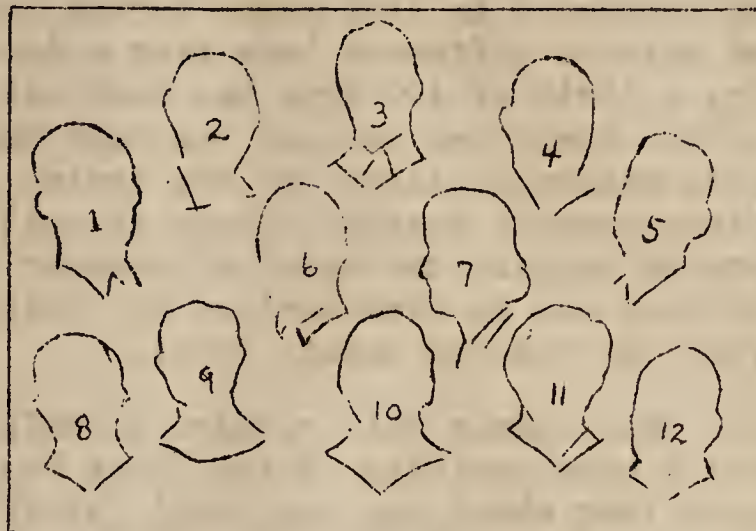
- John Brett Fort

Our tried camp leader, Etan-tue, or John Brett Fort as some people know him, was ordained to the diaconate of the Episcopal Church on February 20, 1935. More than two hundred of his friends were invited to the ceremony which was in charge of Bishop Sherrill. The beauty and friendliness of it all was most impressive, particularly the special communion service to which all were invited. Etan now begins his service as one of the educational leaders of the church, BUT, of course, he will be at Merrowvista as usual!

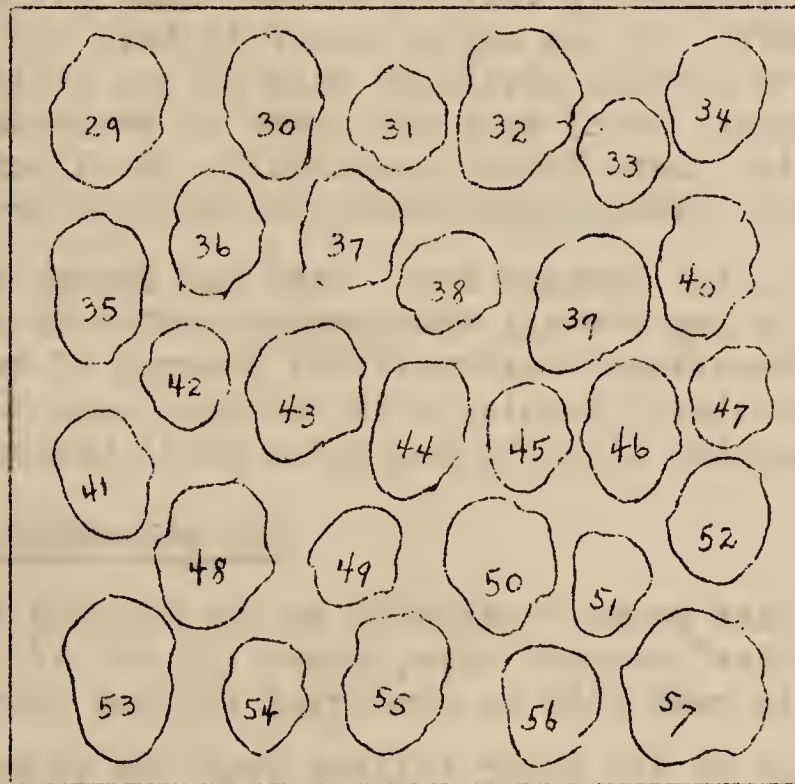
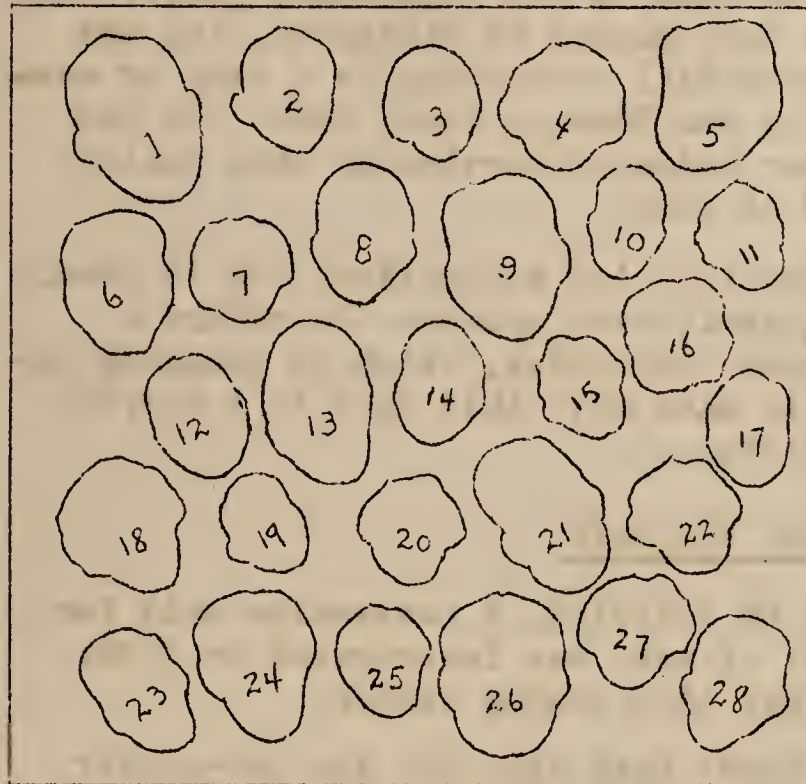
BLOTTER-PICTURES IDENTIFIED

How many of the Founder faculty members as photographed on the 1935 blotter did you know? Look at them again with the help of this key and consider yourself introduced to one and all.

1. Donald Danforth
2. Lansing F. Smith
3. Wm. H. Danforth
4. Alfred H. Avery
5. Herman Bowmar
6. S. F. Shattuck



7. Mrs. R. P. Compton
8. Herbert Mayer
9. R. A. Waite
10. P. G. Orwig
11. Marie E. Shaver
12. Gus Gruenewald



- | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Wilbur Baird | 15. Mrs. L. B. Cockrell | 29. J. L. Rogers | 43. Eliz. Nutting |
| 2. Jennie M. Doidge | 16. Mrs. F. Shumaker | 30. R. Leonard | 44. Harold M. Post |
| 3. Miriam Waite | 17. Hayden Stright | 31. Mary D. Jack | 45. M. Vanderhoof |
| 4. Minnie Macaulay | 18. Helen Palk | 32. Edw. Stimson | 46. Hobart Hill |
| 5. Helen G. Lovett | 19. Frank Beardslee | 33. Elaine Rorer | 47. Ruth Palmer |
| 6. David M. Trout | 20. Grace Lee | 34. Chandler Brooks | 48. Walter C. Moore |
| 7. Martha Alexander | 21. P. V. Shewell | 35. John B. Fort | 49. Eliz. Adams |
| 8. Ross Snyder | 22. Mrs. A. M. Houser | 36. Chas. E. Garran | 50. Sara D. Abbott |
| 9. E. H. Bonsall | 23. David Green | 37. Mrs. J. Alexander | 51. Renetta Meyer |
| 10. Ralph Stafford | 24. Mrs. W. Buckwalter | 38. Mrs. J. B. Fort | 52. B. Ferguson |
| 11. Helen Landon | 25. L. Holtzmann | 39. Mrs. F. S. Frost | 53. Paul Selz |
| 12. H. A. Sanderson | 26. O. W. Warmingham | 40. Garrott Allen | 54. Herbert Schulz |
| 13. Mrs. E. Blair | 27. Alice Hale Baker | 41. Dr. E. A. Brooks | 55. S. F. Mack |
| 14. M. G. Van Buskirk | 28. Arnold H. Lowe | 42. Jos. Whitwam | 56. C. N. Wright |
| | | | 57. Mrs. M. F. Bryner |



CONCERNING OUR YOUNGER BOYS' CAMP

Our Younger Boys' Camp, the new five-year-old Miniwanca unit, has already become a strong link in the Founder chain of Christian Leadership Training Camps.

We pioneered in 1930 with 24 boys and last summer we camped with 74 different lads from a dozen states. Consequently, a limit of 100 boys has been set for the season of 1935. Forty per cent of the boys who attended in 1934 have reserved places for the coming summer. New registrations come in weekly. There is still time, however, for you to suggest the names of younger boy camp prospects, so they can be circularized or visited by one of the directors in the field, before the camping season opens.

A camp of 100 younger boys this summer will require a staff of thirty leaders - all of whom must necessarily have training in the Older Boys' Camp. This senior camp training is the unique fact about the leadership staff of our junior unit. We absolutely rely on choice older fellows to make up our high-class junior camp staff. We are always eager to have men who have camped at Miniwanca, and who have already developed many of the skills essential to working in a camp of adolescent boys, seek positions of leadership in the Younger Boys' Camp. If you think there is any possibility at all of your being of service in this junior camp, please correspond with Wadjepi or Gus at once.

Yes, the Younger Boys' Camp has become national in its reputation, and it should be a joy for all Founders to assist in its significant growth. It offers a recreational-instructional program of balanced activities, which is becoming increasingly popular with thinking parents. In many ways this unit is a helpful stepping stone to our Older Boys' Camp-Conference.

THE PRE-SENIOR CAMP FOR BOYS

To add sound continuity to our Founder line of training, a pre-senior unit for "older" younger boys, about 15½ and 16 years of age, was inaugurated in 1933. This camp will be conducted for the third year this coming summer.

Many of the older fellows from the Younger Boys' Camp stay for the pre-senior session and then go into Older Boys' Camp for the last two weeks of the summer. Of course, some fellows come in on August 5th and stay for the four weeks until September 2nd. As the name implies, this longer-term camp is for older boys just prior to their introduction to the intensive Older Boys' Camp session.

Because the camp is generally composed of a relatively small number of boys, and since such a large percentage of our regular Younger Boys' Camp leaders stay over for the opening of the Older Boys' Camp-Conference, a very beneficial set-up is arranged. Several campers and several leaders make up each tent group. Two courses from the Older Boys' curriculum are offered and the rest of the day is spent in the usual purposeful Founder type activity.

You are invited to share this unique camp with your young boy friends. It's an ideal way to become acquainted with Miniwanca, before the Older Boys' term starts on August 19th. The American Youth Foundation now offers camping for all ages from ten years up through the Leaders' Institute. The Pre-Senior unit is an integral part of the Founder scheme of training.

PRESCRIPTIONS AGAIN!

How's this for a report on the workings of the questionnaire by a real fellow who does not hesitate to affirm, "My evaluation and esteem for Miniwanca seems to grow as time goes on:"

"I received quite a blow last summer when the letters P M S R were distributed to those who deserved them. For the most part I have usually ranked in the upper division in any group or contest. Apparently I had taken my success as a matter of fact and had assumed that I should remain with the top without any special effort. You can imagine the awakening which I had when I found that I was among the small group which received no letters at Miniwanca last summer.

"I decided at once that I would fulfill my prescription to the best of my ability and opportunity. I am very glad to report at this time that I have completed the work on three of the letters - P S and M. Only one half of the suggestions for R have been observed. My prescription is enclosed with the things which I have accomplished typed on it.

"In filling out my questionnaire last summer I feel that I perhaps was in too much of a hurry to do justice to myself. It was especially after the letters were distributed that I began to feel that the questionnaire should be treated with a less flippant attitude."

A year ago, in filling his prescription to write something for publication, Don McQuillan released "Come on Back and Find Yourself:"

The trail of late has been hard and rough,
And the going has been plenty tough,
Despair has dogged you day and night
And sapped up every drop of fight.
Come on back and find yourself!

Get out of that fatal endless rut,
Come back for a conference at the hut.
The world will brighten over night;
Try it and see if I'm not right.
Come on back and find yourself!

The world is such a hard-boiled place,
But nevertheless you've got to face
The trials and problems that lie in wait.
Snap out of it - at any rate.
Come on back and find yourself!

Think of the gang that will be there
To help you throw aside all care.
Think of those faithful sturdy hills,
The crystal lake, the rocks and rills.
Come on back and find yourself!



CAMP MERROWVISTA - 1935 DATES

Older Girls' Camp August 4 - 18

Older Boys' Camp August 18 - September 1

NOTE THE CHANGE - During the first years, Camp Merrowvista was held at the end of the summer and the number of young people attending indicated the popularity of that period. Ever since the change to July there has been continual pressure to go back to the original time, so

THE MERROWVISTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

after studying the matter for more than two years, recently voted to return to the August dates. This was done for two important reasons:

1. Prospective campers were prevented from coming to camp by other responsibilities. Summer school, R.O.T.C. camps, haying season on the farms, and working schedules cut into the camp registration.
2. Some of our best leadership were prevented from being in camp by early summer responsibilities.

The committee felt that camp should come when the greatest number of young people are free to attend, and that since leadership is so vital a part of camp, the dates should be more convenient for leaders. It realized that the change may have some disadvantages due to business vacation schedules, but these will become less bothersome after the change becomes known.

Many campers and leaders have been consulted in this change of time and there has been an almost unanimous approval. We shall not only have all the leaders of the past year back, but we shall be able to bring back some leaders of previous times whose duties have prevented them from returning at the early dates. Of course, Dad Waite will be in both camps at least part of the time, and we are hoping for a visit by Wadjepi.

FACULTY AND LEADERSHIP

The entire 1934 staff will be back plus some additions from earlier years. This means an increased opportunity for every camper. Detailed announcement will be coming to you very soon.

PROGRAM

The revision of 1934 was so heartily approved by every one - campers and leaders alike - that plans have been made to continue along this line. Of course, there will be improvements! Every teacher has said almost the same thing, "1934 was fine, but now that I have had one year's experience I see how much better a job I can do next year!"

REGISTRATION

Some are in already even before the call has been sent out. Former campers! - watch for the unique chance you will have soon. Don't miss it! Let's do our part to make the 1935 camps the best ever held at Merrowvista!

CAMP MINIWANCA - 1935 DATES

Page 9

Older Girls August 5 - 19

Older Boys August 19 - September 2

Get out the red pencil and mark those dates on your calendar because they'll be red-letter days for you if you get up to Camp Miniwanca - and of course, you're going to do your level best to get there. There will be many improvements, including the new "I DARE YOU" BUILDING.

THE CHIEFS HAVE A SURPRISE

in store for the campers who come to Miniwanca this summer. We can't give the secret away to anyone. You've got to come and see what it's all about. Sufficient to say that all Chiefs since 1925 have been asked to participate in the big surprise party. Now aren't you curious? Well, come on up and see what it's all about.

CHANGES IN THE KITCHEN FOR INCREASED EFFICIENCY

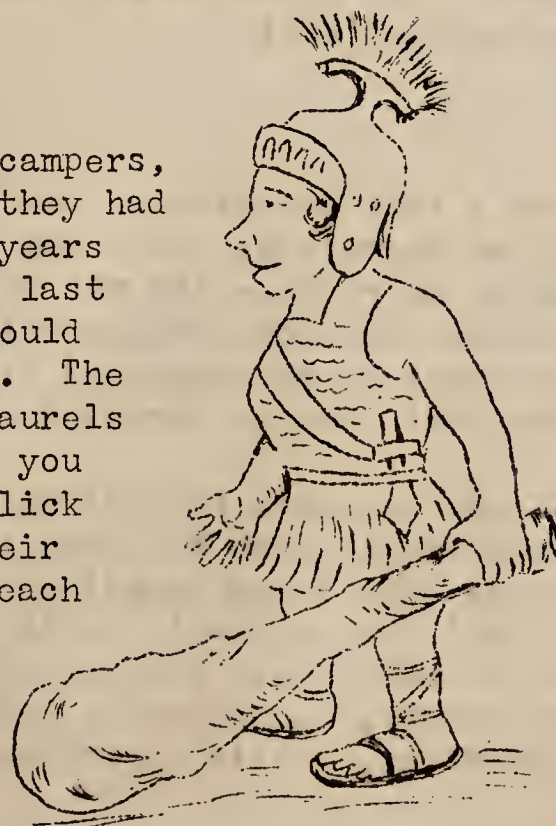
Yes sir, yes ma'am! We're going to tear out those old stairs in the kitchen and throw that space into the widening of the aisles. The rooms over the kitchen will be approached from a staircase that will lead in from the outside. Sleeping porches will be erected over the porch of the kitchen and these will connect with the rooms inside. This means that there will be wide space for the campers to move in when they come for their food. Less congestion will mean more speed in the serving of the meals and that sure is something at Miniwanca.

THE COUNCIL CIRCLE WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR

The contract has been let and the unfinished portion of the stone and concrete council circle will be finished and ready for occupancy by the time the first camps of the summer are held. This will give us the much needed space when the big Older Boys' Camp swings into action.

AND THAT LEADS US TO ANNOUNCE

that the girls are on the warpath!! Yes sir, you men campers, the girls have declared war. For nineteen long years they had a larger camp enrollment annually than the boys. Two years ago, the boys at Miniwanca shot ahead of the girls and last year they left them so far behind that all the girls could see was dust. And the girls are mad, and rightly, too. The idea of these upstarts coming along and taking their laurels from them! They are going after your scalps, men, and you had better take to the woods. The girls are going to lick the stuffing out of you this year. They have set as their goal 175 girls in the Older Girls' Camp, and if they reach that goal they will go ahead of the Boys' Camp. Every older girl camper and leader is invited to pick up her battle-axe and join the ranks of the fighting Amazons. Send names and addresses of your prospects to the Founder office at once. Success to you, girls!



NEW LITERATURE IS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

That means Younger Boy, Younger Girl, and Older Boy and Girl folders. Literature is costly. It should not be wasted. When a folder comes to you, be sure to make good use of it. Don't put it aside without using it. Read it carefully yourself and get the thrill of camp plans for this coming summer. Then write at once to the Founder office and make a reservation for yourself. The next thing to do is to grab that folder and hot-foot it to some friends' home to sell them on camp for this coming summer. If you did not receive your folder, be sure to write in for it.

EARNING MONEY TO GET TO CAMP



Don't forget that every new camper that you line up who pays his or her full fee, means a \$5.00 commission to your credit, and for every younger boy or girl camper who attends Camp Miniwanca for four weeks there is a \$10.00 commission - for a seven weeks camper - \$15.00. Lining up a few campers will mean that you will have the better part of your own camp fee cared for. Besides all that, you will be rendering a real service to your friends when you tell them about Camp Miniwanca. If you have not already sent in names and addresses of camp prospects, won't you sit down right away and do this? It is tremendously important. Someone took the trouble to tell you about the Founder Camps, now you do the same for your friends.

YOUTH WEEK IN MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

was a fine success. Our good friend, Ross Snyder, planned the whole affair. Marie Shaver was to take part in the program but illness prevented. Kicica was on the job to help, and for a week Maplewood knew that young people were on the map. A week-end in southern Jersey for the high school group brought Capt. Adams, Chick Sloane, and Rosie Steinhauer with some girls, to help in the program. Young people will have a bigger place in the life of the church because of this effort!

"OUR DEAR HORACE"

put a fast one over on her Founder friends by deciding to indulge in the luxury of an operation. This was back in February. Of course, Horace would do the thing up right - she was the prize patient in the great Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Founder friends will be delighted to know that Horace has made splendid progress in recovery and is all set to get back on her job in anticipation of the best Younger Girls' Camp ever.

All of Horace's friends will want to pitch in and help her promote her camp and in this way keep her from over-taxing herself during the spring promotional rush. Won't you immediately contact some parents who have children of Younger Girls' Camp age - 11 to 15 years - send us the names and addresses, and we will write each one. The supply of folders is limited. We can't send them out to everybody, but there is one for you if you will actually use it for camp promotion. It's an attractive and convincing folder. Write for it.



"One foot up and one foot down,
That's the way to London-town" -

sings my four-year old, but the way to London-town truly is through ages of tradition and custom; through the literature and art of centuries; through a tangle of quaint, old-world streets and lanes; through drizzle and rain and "pea-soupers" to the firesides and hearts of her nine millions. All the things you've read about London are probably true. "King George's men" in scarlet coats change guard every morning before Buckingham Palace. There is pageantry enough to fill volumes of story-books. The Tower, centuries old, is gray and formidable, and on a misty, foggy London day one can almost see in the shadows, Lady Jane Grey awaiting the block; Sir Walter Raleigh writing his history of the world, and the two little princes murdered by Richard.

Stand on Picadilly with London's four hundred, or down in dockland with her poor; stand and listen to the street-cries of vendors, or the offerings of pavement artists who like Tommy Tucker "sing for their supper"- but the essential throb and beat of London life one finds by living the life of the people. Then one finds that beneath the surface, under difference in custom and usage, life is very much like ours in America Although at first, pounds, shillings, pence and guineas (which I discovered were not pigs at all), the pronunciation of many words like tomatoes to become "tomahtoos," differences in food, heating methods and coffee (ask Kodaya to verify this) seemed to make a grand total, in my new life and experience of great differences!

London is a city of historic bridges. They cross the Thames at frequent intervals carrying her teeming millions to and fro, and present in history and tradition, all the romance, the interest, the stately pageantry and progress of a city of many centuries.

Tower Bridge, the most strikingly beautiful of them all, is guardian of the Pool where ships from every corner of the world cast anchor: Australian grain clippers, Russian passenger ships, picturesque old fishing smacks, "dirty British schooners" Dutch traders and liners from the Orient move in and out with the tides.

Then comes old London Bridge with its strange combination of nursery rhyme traditions and its gruesome history. It was on London Bridge that they used to spike the heads of people decapitated in the Tower, and leave them a month or two, as warning to all those who desired to keep theirs! The volume of traffic that pours over London Bridge every day denies it's "falling down."

Waterloo, Blackfriars, and Charing Cross, the next three bridges, as one proceeds up the Thames through London, bring in daily the millions who live in Greater London and travel in and out each day. They are modern "suburbia's" entrance to the ancient city. Near here -

"the high majesty of St. Paul's
Uplifts a voice of living light and calls -
Calls to his millions to behold and see
How goodly this his London Town can be."

Next comes Westminster Bridge, crossing the busy, mighty river beside the Houses of Parliament. Here "Big Ben" booms out the progression of the days. Here is the Abbey - for almost a thousand years a glorious monument in stone to the faith of a nation. Westminster, the heart of London, the pulse of an empire - touching so closely the life of every nation and the sore spots of world relationships.

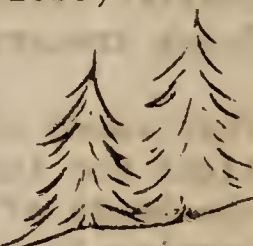
On past Vauxhall, the newest of London's bridges, and Chelsea, one of the oldest, to Battersea Bridge, and there in the intensely interesting community that the bridge leads us to, Maurice and I have been working for five years. The community around us seems to be a cross-section of life itself, containing as it does the homes of members of Parliament, and professional people, and nearby homes that are real slums. (One street near us is called "Little Hell.") The political flavor of Battersea is a potpourri of green shirts, black shirts, red shirts and other more or less conservative colors. Struck as it was, pretty severely by unemployment and depression, we began to feel that the Church must do something about the thousands of men out of work. So we began work among the unemployed. We opened our Church Hall for them, started a second-hand clothing department, a shoe repairing shop where materials and tools were provided and the men do their own work, lectures, games, free legal advice, tea, etc., and the work has continued. I wish you could meet and know some of our men. Jack Mills, a hunchback who hasn't had work for over ten years, who lives with his wife and five children in two tiny rooms and yet lives a radiant Christianity that works miracles in other people's lives. George King, once a Communist leader of gangs, has thrown that same driving force into the Jesus Way of Living, and is now a Christian revolutionary. These are the stuff of Christ's army in Battersea.

It's a lonely job and a hard one, to be aiming at complete and absolute Christianity, and helping other people find the answer to life's problems in the raw, but it's the most adventurous, the most thrilling one I know. Living at our very best all the time - is the daily ideal of every Founder, and through the years we are constantly seeking the way to be our best. There is only one way. You can't do it in London, or anywhere else, without Christ at the center of your life.

- Margaret McCaslin Hodder
(Founder Graduate - 1926)



IN PREPARATION FOR A YOUNGER BOYS' CAMP AT MERROWVISTA



in 1936, a special exploration camp for Younger Boys will be on the grounds from August 15 to September 5. This will be made up of the future leaders and a small group of younger boys who will be in camp the following year. Mr. Claud Ruch will be in charge. He is director of the younger boys' camp at Camp Kanesatake, Spruce Creek, Pennsylvania, and in charge of recreation at the Rumson School, Rumson, New Jersey. Attendance at the camp is by invitation exclusively, since this group is to be a center of the camp next year. If you have special recommendations, send them to Kicica now and he may be able to include a few. There is a definite limit, however.



ON FEBRUARY TWELFTH

our good friend and caretaker at Camp Merrowvista, John Murray, died in the Wolfeboro Hospital. He had not been ill long, in fact, his last special job was that of putting in ice for this summer's use. Campers may not have known him so well, but those of us who had the responsibility of managing affairs at camp, counted him a real friend. It was his suggestion that brought the log cabin classroom last year. His place will be hard to fill, for he was more than a caretaker of the property - he was devoted to the camp.

MINISINO AND WADJEPI

made a quick dash up to Camp Miniwanca in January. They found camp very beautiful under a six-inch blanket of snow. Stony Lake had a twelve-inch layer of clear, clean ice, insuring a good supply for next summer.

THE NEW "I DARE YOU" BUILDING

site was surveyed and also the location for the new Craft House for Younger Boys' Camp. A number of other improvements are under way at Miniwanca, and Wadjepi will make another trip up there soon to check on the progress being made.

KODAYA

has been having a great time with Founder groups in various parts of the country, making his unique contribution of inspiration and spiritual understanding in numerous addresses. St. Louis Founders started things off with a big "Round the World" banquet in January. They are now planning for the annual Spring Outing and are busy rounding up camp prospects.

LEXINGTON, LOUISVILLE AND BERE A

were next on Kodaya's list. Kentucky Founders are certainly on their toes this year and are lining up prospects in earnest. Other states better watch out - the Kentucky girls won the State Shield last summer, and they are certainly going to be in the running this year. The Colonels, too, are showing great enthusiasm and pep.

ANN ARBOR, LANSING AND HILLSDALE

Michigan, were also visited by Kodaya. Right now, Michigan has more Older Boys than Girls registered for this summer's camp. Come on, you Wolverine Amazons!

THE GOPHERS

staged their usual fine Young People's Conference in St. Paul - with Kodaya and Si Mack prominently featured. Minneapolis Founders heard Kodaya on the occasion of their annual Founder banquet - the biggest one they have ever had! Oh Min! - we'll be looking for you, too, on the sand dunes of Miniwanca in August!

WISCONSIN FOUNDERS

had visits from both Kodaya and Dad Waite. Neenah, Milwaukee and other centers are on the job and the Badgers will be well represented at camp this year.

CHAT SHEET

.....NEWS about FOUNDERS everywhere.....

The sophomore class of Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, honored itself by electing Mildred Rogers (First Score '34) as president. Mildred is also Vice-President of the Student Council at Wheaton.

John Raach (Singing Sands '32) is busy at the University of Chicago - working on his Master's Degree in History.

Ann Pharr (Climbers '31) graduated from the College of William and Mary last June and is now teaching at the West Virginia Foundation for Crippled Children at Berkeley Springs, W. Va. Ann is very enthusiastic about her job and is doing a fine piece of work.

"Old-timers" who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund this year write interesting letters -

Arnold Dana McCarthy (Seekers '24) is now the mother of a dandy little Founder - ten months old, and lives at 2724 Monterey Road, Pasadena, California.

Lydia Baldwin Hiatt (Mrs. Theo. W.) Founder leader from Princeton, Illinois, lives in Whitefish, Montana now. Distances are long in that part of the country, but Lydia hopes to get back to camp some day.

Constance Roe Yetter of Newton, N. J. (Balsam Firs '24) is now the mother of two fine little Founder Camp prospects - Joan, age six, and Dickie - just three. Connie is looking forward to the day when they, too, will attend camp.

Peg Perrine - Mrs. Harry Anacker of Somerville, N. J. (Adventurers '29) also has a fine young prospect in the family - Wayne Robert by name. Merrowvista Younger Boys' Camp director, take notice!

DR. LOWE BROADCASTS - EASTER MORNING!!

On Easter morning from 9:00 to 9:30 Central Standard Time, Reverend Arnold H. Lowe, pastor of Kingshighway Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, and Miniwanca faculty member, will broadcast over the Columbia network on a coast to coast hook-up. His topic - "Beyond Lies God." The Chorus Choir of Kingshighway Church will also take part in the program. We know you will want to tune in!!!

Virgil Lynch (White Caps '34) is Superintendent of the Liquor Control Board of Louisville, Kentucky, and getting experience which will be valuable in his chosen profession - Law.

Jim Corrick (Singing Sands '30) is County 4-H Agent at Elkins, W. Va. Jim is planning to send his fourteen year old brother to Younger Boys' Camp this summer. That's mighty fine, Jim. We hope other Founders will follow your example.

Greet Citizen Alice Edith May! Founder from Toronto, Canada, - you have made these many years a markworthy contribution to our fourfold program of living and we enthusiastically welcome you to our civic fellowship.

Helen Avery (Vistas '32) is going to school in the Middle West - Iowa State College at Ames. We're hoping she will pay a visit to Miniwanca this summer.

Bill Elliott (Adwos '24) is practicing law with his father in Coudersport, Pa. Married and the proud daddy of a 15 months old daughter. Horace, take notice!

Irene Asquith (Mountaineers '30) is teaching music in the Norwood High School, Norwood, N. Y., and is hoping to be at camp this summer. The dates won't interfere with summer school this year; come on, Rene!

FOUNDERS, SEND US NEWS FOR THE NEXT CHAT SHEET, AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS - OR NAME!

Jane Dieter (Breakers '32) was married January 26 to Mr. Delos Wood. Welcome to the Founder Fellowship, Delos! Address - 331 Maple St., St. Paul, Minn.

From far away Hawaii - "New Year's Day brought a Founders' Chat Sheet and it seemed like a roll-call of my past." - Walter Moore. Walter wishes it weren't such a long swim to the mainland - and so do we. There'll be a grand reunion some day when he does get back to Miniwanca.

Carl Erdman (White Caps '32) is also over in Hawaii and we hope he and Walter will see each other soon. Carl is having an interesting time as field luna or overseer on a sugar plantation, and enjoying the lovely Hawaiian climate. Address - 1768 S. Bretania St., Honolulu.

Another Founder over in far off India welcomed the Chat Sheet and wrote a most interesting letter to the Founder office. N. Addaline Brandon (Balsam Firs '26) is teaching little Indian girls the fourfold life, at the American Mission, Lyallpur, Punjab, India. More power to you, Addaline, in your fine service!

Arlene Abendroth (Darers '31) 822 W. Johnson St., Madison, Wisconsin, wants to hear from her "tent mother" - Lida Burrill. Lida, look after your chee-ild!

"A voice from the past speaks! Since Si Mack taught me to swim in Stony Creek, I have graduated from Michigan State College, clerked for the A. & P. for a year, and am rounding out a year and a half as a junior in a firm of certified public accountants - and am still single!" - Wilbur D. Emmons, 605 Bartlett St., Lansing, Mich. (Dunes '27) How about coming over to Miniwanca this summer, Wilbur?

What babe could begin life with a more devoted mother than does James Frederick Miller? Who is his mother? Why, Edna Stephenson - "Steevie." James was born December 29, 1934. Address - 208 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Hudson St., Elmira, N. Y.

HAVE YOU MAILED IN THAT COIN CARD? IF YOU FAILED TO RECEIVE YOUR CARD, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION ANYWAY!

Elsie Mae Williams (Miniwanca graduate '33) was married to Karl Loren Grimes, December 27. She was attended by Harriet Rex (Dedicators '26). Elsie and Karl are living in Augusta, Kansas.

Our thanks are due Dad Waite for so ably serving as editor of this issue of The Founder Fire.

Return in 5 days to

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION,

3713 Washington Boulevard,

St. Louis, Missouri.

.....
FOUNDERS CAMPERS AND LEADERS -

If you have not yet read Minisino's book -

"I DARE YOU

believe me, you have something coming to you. The book is now in the third edition. Parents, students, teachers and young business men and women will find it brimful of interesting illustrations and challenging ideas.

We are making a big drive to sell "I DARE YOU" because every dollar that comes in on the sale of the 800 copies of the book now on hand, will be added to the building fund for the erection of a FOURFOLD LIFE - I DARE YOU building at Camp Minnawanza this spring.

Send for your copy of "I DARE YOU" and share it with a half dozen friends, including your minister. It will make a mighty fine graduation gift, too, for high school or college students. The price is \$1.25 a copy. Special price to FOUNDERS - \$1.10 - which includes mailing charges. Send in your order today.

.....
THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION,
3713 Washington Blvd.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Find enclosed \$ _____ for which send me _____ copies of "I DARE YOU!"

(Name)
